

NATURAL RESOURCES AND RECREATION

Agency 462

Pollution Liability Insurance Program

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	7.1		1,902	1,902
Total Maintenance Level	7.1		1,929	1,929
Difference			27	27
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%		1.4%	1.4%
Performance Changes				
Performance Pay			8	8
Nonrepresented Employees Cost of Living Adjustment			35	35
Nonrepresented Employees Health Benefit Change			9	9
Pension Method Change			(23)	(23)
General Inflation			(3)	(3)
Oil Heat Education and Outreach			52	52
Subtotal			78	78
Total Proposed Budget	7.1		2,007	2,007
Difference			105	105
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%		5.5%	5.5%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Heating Oil Tank Liability Insurance	3.5		1,145	1,145
Pollution Liability Reinsurance	3.6		862	862
Total Proposed Budget	7.1		2,007	2,007

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Oil Heat Education and Outreach

An estimated 63,000 heating oil tanks will be registered in the agency's Heating Oil Tank Liability Insurance Program during the 2005-07 Biennium. The agency's current expenditure authority is insufficient to cover the cost of producing and mailing materials designed to educate owners on how to prevent tank leaks. One-time funding will be used to produce, print, and mail preventive maintenance educational brochures to tank owners. (Heating Oil Pollution Liability Trust-Non-Appropriated)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Heating Oil Tank Liability Insurance

The Heating Oil Pollution Liability Insurance Program provides pollution liability coverage and technical assistance to owners of heating oil tanks. There is no direct cost to owners for the pollution liability insurance. The program is funded by fees paid by heating oil dealers, as well as special taxes on petroleum products. (Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account-State; Heating Oil Pollution Liability Trust Account-Nonappropriated)

Pollution Liability Reinsurance

The Washington Pollution Liability Insurance Program makes pollution liability insurance available and affordable to the owners and operators of regulated petroleum underground storage tanks by serving as the reinsurer of private-sector insurance policies. Availability of reinsurance allows tank owners and operators to comply with the financial responsibility regulations of the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Washington State Department of Ecology. This program is funded entirely by special taxes on petroleum products. (Pollution Liability Insurance Program Trust Account-State)